



HOLBROOK

Norfolk County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Holbrook is a bedroom community of 11,041 people, located south of Boston. Originally part of Randolph and Braintree, Holbrook has 7.32 square miles within its boundaries. A study of 44 South Shore communities compiled by the Northeastern University Center for Labor Market Studies showed that economically the town has experienced the lowest rate of family income increase over the past ten years. The study showed Holbrook's family income gain as 6.9% as compared with at least one other South Shore community showing gains of 40%. The median family income in 1989 dollars was \$43,947, lowest of the 44 South Shore communities in the study

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Braintree on the north, Weymouth on the east, Abington and Brockton on the south, and Avon and Randolph on the west. Holbrook is 6 miles north of Brockton; 16 miles southeast of Boston; 36 miles northeast of Providence, Rhode Island; and 214 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 7.40 sq. miles

Land Area: 7.35 sq. miles

Population: 11,041

Density: 1,502 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Blue Hill Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.3°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....49.0"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Blue Hills, Weymouth, Brockton

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 767-4312

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Executive Secretary

Representative Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1872

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	6,082		
Democrats	2,224	36.6	%
Republicans	742	12.2	%
Other parties	4	0.1	%
Unenrolled Voters	3,112	51.2	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Holbrook town, Norfolk County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	10,785	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	10,785	100.0
Male.....	5,229	48.5	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	257	2.4
Female.....	5,556	51.5	Mexican.....	22	0.2
Under 5 years.....	643	6.0	Puerto Rican.....	80	0.7
5 to 9 years.....	705	6.5	Cuban.....	19	0.2
10 to 14 years.....	726	6.7	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	136	1.3
15 to 19 years.....	623	5.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	10,528	97.6
20 to 24 years.....	551	5.1	White alone.....	9,754	90.4
25 to 34 years.....	1,463	13.6	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,881	17.4	Total population.....	10,785	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,464	13.6	In households.....	10,728	99.5
55 to 59 years.....	549	5.1	Householder.....	4,076	37.8
60 to 64 years.....	441	4.1	Spouse.....	2,210	20.5
65 to 74 years.....	1,013	9.4	Child.....	3,454	32.0
75 to 84 years.....	581	5.4	Own child under 18 years.....	2,234	20.7
85 years and over.....	145	1.3	Other relatives.....	587	5.4
Median age (years).....	38.4	(X)	Under 18 years.....	206	1.9
18 years and over.....	8,305	77.0	Nonrelatives.....	401	3.7
Male.....	3,956	36.7	Unmarried partner.....	182	1.7
Female.....	4,349	40.3	In group quarters.....	57	0.5
21 years and over.....	7,974	73.9	Institutionalized population.....	31	0.3
62 years and over.....	1,997	18.5	Noninstitutionalized population.....	26	0.2
65 years and over.....	1,739	16.1	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	725	6.7	Total households.....	4,076	100.0
Female.....	1,014	9.4	Family households (families).....	2,854	70.0
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,191	29.2
One race.....	10,641	98.7	Married-couple family.....	2,210	54.2
White.....	9,908	91.9	With own children under 18 years.....	925	22.7
Black or African American.....	430	4.0	Female householder, no husband present.....	485	11.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	20	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	220	5.4
Asian.....	162	1.5	Nonfamily households.....	1,222	30.0
Asian Indian.....	26	0.2	Householder living alone.....	1,025	25.1
Chinese.....	31	0.3	Householder 65 years and over.....	458	11.2
Filipino.....	34	0.3	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,328	32.6
Japanese.....	11	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,250	30.7
Korean.....	15	0.1	Average household size.....	2.63	(X)
Vietnamese.....	33	0.3	Average family size.....	3.19	(X)
Other Asian ¹	12	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-	Total housing units.....	4,153	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	4,076	98.1
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	77	1.9
Samoa.....	1	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	8	0.2
Some other race.....	120	1.1	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	144	1.3	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.3	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:</i> ³			Occupied housing units.....	4,076	100.0
White.....	10,009	92.8	Owner-occupied housing units.....	3,106	76.2
Black or African American.....	505	4.7	Renter-occupied housing units.....	971	23.8
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	59	0.5	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.84	(X)
Asian.....	178	1.7	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.95	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	8	0.1			
Some other race.....	187	1.7			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	84
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	12
Federal (Section 8):	96



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Holbrook is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

The principal highway is State Route 37, which runs north to State Route 128, the inner belt around Boston, and south to State Route 28. State Route 139 runs E-W through the town.

Rail

Commuter rail service to South Station, Boston, will be available in 1996-97 on the Middleborough Line. The MBTA Red Line is accessible from Braintree and Quincy. Travel time to Park Street from Quincy Center: 20 min.; 872 MBTA Parking Spaces. Conrail services a freight rail line through Holbrook. Contact number: (781) 783-6222

Bus

Holbrook is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). The MBTA provides service from the Holbrook/Brockton line to Quincy Station. The MBTA also provides THE RIDE, a paratransit service for the elderly and disabled.

Other

The Norwood Memorial Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 4,001'x 150' and 4,007'x 150'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Holbrook Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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